

## **HARRY J. PEARCE**

Harry J. Pearce was elected chairman of the Hughes Electronics Corporation Board of Directors, a subsidiary of General Motors Corporation, in May 2001. Pearce has served on the HUGHES Board since November 1992. He had been vice chairman and a director of the General Motors Corporation Board of Directors since 1996 until his retirement from General Motors in May 2001.

Pearce had been an executive vice president since 1992 and was vice president and general counsel with responsibility for GM's Legal Staff from May 1987 to August 1994. Pearce joined General Motors as associate general counsel in October 1985, assuming responsibility for all product litigation and product safety matters worldwide. Previously, he had been a senior partner in the law firm of Pearce & Durick in Bismarck, N.D. In that capacity, he represented GM and other industrial companies nationwide in a variety of product liability cases over a period of 15 years.

Pearce is Chairman of the United States Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors, Chairman of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Sabre Society, and a lifetime member of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Association of Graduates. He was the recipient of the U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's Colonel I. Robert Kriendler Memorial Award in 1998 and is also serving his fifth year as co-chairman of the U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's Annual Leatherneck Ball. In 2001, he was selected as a recipient of the first U.S. Air Force Academy's Distinguished Graduate Award.

During his service career, Pearce served as a Staff Judge Advocate in the Air Force and was certified as a military judge. On his return to civilian life, he joined a law firm in Bismarck. He was a municipal judge in Bismarck from 1970 to 1976 and also served as United States Commissioner and U.S. Magistrate.

Pearce is also a member of the board of directors of Marriott International, Inc., MDU Resources Group, Inc., National Defense University Foundation, Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, the Detroit Investment Fund, The Bone Marrow Foundation, The National Bone Marrow Transplant Link, the Lauri Strauss Leukemia Foundation, the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, Sabriya's Castle of Fun Foundation, Chairman of the GM Cancer Research Foundation and The Marrow Foundation's Board of Directors, president and board member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Research Foundation, and a member of Wayne State University's School of Medicine's board of visitors. He also serves as a member of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) board of advisors.

Pearce is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and a fellow in the International Society of Barristers. He is chairman of the Product Liability Advisory Council Foundation and a founding member of the Minority Counsel Demonstration Program of the American Bar Association's Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession.

Pearce is a member of World Business Council for Sustainable Development (including co-chair of the global mobility initiative on sustainability), The National Academies' Panel on Science, Technology and Law, The Mentor Group's Forum for U.S.-EU (European Union) Legal-Economic Affairs, and The Conference Board. He also serves as a trustee of Northwestern University, Howard University, United States Council for International Business, and New Detroit Inc.

Pearce was born on Aug. 20, 1942, in Bismarck, N.D. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering sciences from the United States Air Force Academy in 1964, where he was a member of the Honor Committee, the Dean's List, the Commandant's List, and the Superintendent's List and a recipient of the Major General Fechet Award. He earned his juris doctor degree from Northwestern University's School of Law in 1967 where he was a Hardy Scholar, on the Dean's List, and a member of the National Moot Court Team. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 1997, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Northwestern University in 1998 and an Alumni Merit Award in 1991.

Furthermore, in 2001 he received the International Association of Organ Donation's Corporate Benefactor Award and The American Jewish Committee's National Human Relations Award; the National Conference for Community & Justice Humanitarian Award and The Black Patriots Foundation Leadership Award in 2000; *Parents* magazine's "As They Grow" Award in 1999; *The Detroit News* "Michigianian of the Year" Award in 1998; and the ABA's Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession's "Spirit of Excellence" Award in 1997.

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